

SRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I can only say that at the earliest possible opportunity I would like to place the gist of the report before the House. But, unless we receive a copy, it is not possible for me to place it before the House. In regard to the question raised, I do not think it is possible to give an assurance that in case the report is not received before the adjournment of the House, a special session will be convened. I do not know what will be the utility of discussing the recommendations of the Fifth Finance Commission on the floor of the House except that we can express our strong views and feelings to be conveyed to the Government of India.

SRI K. H. PATIL (Hubli).—We can talk for and against it.

SRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—If it is in favour, the views cannot be obviously very strong. If it has gone against, we can make the case as strong as possible.

Notice of a question of privilege against "Daily Azad."

MR. SPEAKER.—Sri M. Nagappa had tabled a privilege motion against the Editor of Daily Azad. I have received an apology letter, dated 25th August 1969 from the Editor, Daily Azad, I shall read it for the information of the House :

"With reference to your letter No. 4668/LA, dated 23rd August 1969 calling our attention to the caption in our views in the matter, we write to state that what is actually intended to be conveyed in the caption in question is 'Three S. S. P. Members were suspended for the rest of the day' and not "from the service of the house for the remainder of the current session of the Legislative Assembly ". This is also clearly evidenced from the words occurring in the said column, viz., 'three members were suspended from the rest of the work of the Assembly for one day.' For the words 'ordered to withdraw', the word 'suspended' has been used in the Urdu translation. The caption read with the news item does not in any way imply that the members were suspended for the remainder of the current session of the Legislative Assembly. However, it is highly regretted that the caption in question has given room for misinterpretation, for which we apologise.

Necessary correction has also been published in our Paper of 25th August 1969, a copy of which is sent herewith for kind information."

In view of the reply, I believe the hon. member will not press his motion.

Sri M. NAGAPPA.—No, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The motion is withdrawn.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—I do not know whether the treasury benches have blacklisted any Members on this side in answering interpellations. I send only one interpellation for this session and they have not cared to reply.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I request the Minister to expedite the reply.

Calling Attention to a matter of urgent public importance *re*: Strike by the High School Students at Lokapur, Mudhol Taluk

Sri K. H. PATIL.—I call the attention of the Minister for Education to the situation that has arisen due to the strike continued by the High School students at Lokapur in Mudhol Taluk.

Sri N. M. KOTRABASIAH SOGI (Deputy Minister for Education).—Sir, with reference to the Call Attention Notice No. 11 of Shri K. H. Patil under Rule 63 (1) of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Mysore Legislative Assembly, I beg to make the following statement :

On 12th August 1969, there was a strike of the pupils of Lokapur High School, Mudhol Taluka, Bijapur District. It was a Bazar Day and a few students marched out of the school; and they were soon followed by others. It is gathered that the reason for the strike was non-disbursement of the Depressed Class Scholarship of one student. The value of the scholarship was Rs. 75. The Headmaster had not disbursed this amount, even though he had received the amount for disbursement. When questioned by the Assistant Educational Officer, Bijapur, the Head Master explained that he was intending to disburse the amount in a public meeting to be arranged before long. This explanation cannot be accepted as satisfactory, as the amount was expected to be disbursed in the month of March itself. It has been reported that the amount has since been disbursed.

Regarding alleged harassment to students through collection of excess fees contrary to rules, it is reported that many students did not pay their Games, Sports and Reading Room Fees in one lump as expected. These fees were being collected in instalments as and when the pupils made the payments and the receipt was passed only after recovery of the amount in full. It is possible that the pupils must have thought that the Head Master has been harassing them, only because he was reminding them every now and then for the full payment of their Games, Sport and Reading Room Fees.